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1. U.S. Patent No. 4,995,086, dated February 19, 1991, issued to Lilley, et al;
2. Chinese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2401938Y, dated October 18, 2000; and

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3. Chinese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2201059Y, dated June 21, 1995.

The references were cited in an Official Action dated January 2, 2004, received from the Chinese Patent Office. Applicant is submitting copies of the above-cited references, together with a translation of the Official Action. The relevance of the references is described in the Official Action.

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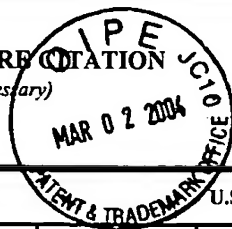
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